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This is in response to the Office Action of April 29, 2010. A typographical error is corrected in claim 9. No new matter is introduced by this Amendment. Claims 2, 4, 7, and 9 are before the Examiner for further consideration.

Objection

On page 2 of the Office Action, objection was raised to claim 9. The amendment of claim 9 hereinabove corrects claim 9 as kindly suggested by the Examiner. The objection may therefore be withdrawn.

Rejection

Claims 2, 4, 5, 7, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US 7,183,347 B2 (Ota). Office Action, page 3. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In the Ota patent, benzoyl peroxide is mentioned only as an example of a polymerization initiator used in the production of a conjugated diene-based rubber latex. See Ota, column 4, lines 38-50. Example 9 in Ota discloses rubber gloves which are made by dip molding from a conjugated diene-based rubber latex E. See Ota, column 12, line 62 to column 13, line 10. The conjugated diene-based rubber latex E is obtained by using potassium persulfate as a polymerization initiator. See Ota, column 11, lines 35-66. The dip-forming composition in Example 9 of Ota contains neither sulfur nor curing accelerator. That is, the dip-forming composition in Example 9 of Ota contains no benzoyl peroxide. Therefore, the molding of the Ota dip-forming composition is not carried out with benzoyl peroxide.

It is manifest that the Ota disclosure fails to anticipate Applicants' claimed "glove obtained by dip-forming a composition comprising a conjugated diene rubber latex and a dibenzoyl peroxide, wherein the conjugated diene rubber latex is obtained by emulsion polymerization of a monomeric mixture ... and wherein the dip-forming composition contains neither sulfur nor curing accelerator" as required by Applicants' claim 9. Claims 2, 4, and 7

herein each depends from claim 9, and consequently, none of claims 2, 4, 7, and 9 is anticipated by the Ota disclosure.

Withdrawal of the rejection of record based upon 35 U.S.C. 102 is in order and is earnestly solicited, as is prompt allowance of the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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